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NEW REFUGE CHIEF FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Marcus C. Nelson has been appointed Chief of National Wildlife Refuges in Washington, D.C., Director Lynn A. Greenwalt of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

Mr. Nelson has been Regional Supervisor of the 27 Southwestern National Wildlife Refuges since 1963. Before his stint in the Albuquerque Regional Office, he was in charge of National Wildlife Refuges in Utah, Montana, and Texas during his 32 years with the Service.

National Wildlife Refuges are established for the restoration, preservation, development, and management of wildlife and wildlands habitat; for the protection and preservation of endangered or threatened species and their habitat; and for the management of wildlife and wildlands to obtain the maximum benefits from these resources.

Mr. Nelson's assignment, as Chief of Wildlife Refuges, will consist of responsibility for administering 378 National Wildlife Refuges encompassing more than 34 million acres located throughout the United States from Alaska to Puerto Rico and from Maine to the South Pacific.

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